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SUBJECT: US ANTI-ARMOR BRIEFING

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1. AN INTERMEDIATE MANAGERIAL LEVEL GROUP OF 16 FRENCH OFFICERS AND ENGINEERS ATTENDED THE U.S. ANTI-ARMOR BRIEFING AT THE DTAT (DIRECTION TECHNIQUE DES ARMEMENTS TERRESTRES) IN ST. CLOUD ON 21 MARCH. THE GROUP INCLUDED ENGINEERS FROM DMA (DELEGATION MINISTERIELLE POUR L'ARMEMENT), DTAT AND DTCA (DIRECTION TECHNIQUE DES CONSTRUCTIONS AERONAUTIQUES) AS WELL AS REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE AIR, ARMY, AND DEFENSE STAFFS. THE

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SENIOR ATTENDEES WERE ENGINEER GENERALS MAREST, BODIN, AND DERAMOND.

2. THE BRIEFING, WITH TRANSLATION, LASTED TWO HOURS AND 15 MINUTES AND WAS FOLLOWED BY AN HOUR OF QUESTIONS WHICH BRIEFERS HANDLED BRILLIANTLY. THE FRENCH WERE MOST INTERESTED IN THE GAU 8 30MM M.G. ALTHOUGH IT WAS NOT CLEAR WHETHER THIS DEVELOPMENT WAS VIEWED AS A COMPETITOR TO THEIR 30MM M.G. OR AS A POTENTIAL NEED FOR THEIR DEFENSE.

3. THE BRIEFING PROVIDED AN EXCELLENT VEHICLE FOR CROSS FERTILIZATION OF ANTI-ARMOR CONCEPTS AND DEVELOPMENTS AND AS SUCH WE BELIEVE IT WAS BENEFICIAL. CERTAINLY, THE INITIAL FRENCH REACTION WAS FAVORABLE. HOWEVER, IT IS HIGHLY UNLIKELY THAT THE BRIEFING WILL RESULT IN THE PURCHASE OF U.S. ANTI-ARMOR EQUIPMENT SINCE THE FRENCH ALREADY HAVE THE COMPLETE SPECTRUM OF ANTI-ARMOR WEAPONS EITHER IN DEVELOPMENT OR IN PRODUCTION.

4. BEYOND THIS CONSIDERATION, WE BELIEVE BRIEFING PROVIDED FRENCH OFFICERS WITH BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF REMARKABLE TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCES THAT HAVE BEEN MADE IN IMPORTANT AREA OF ANTI-TANK DEFENSE. MOREOVER, BRIEFING SERVED TO UNDERLINE THE PRIORITY ROLE THAT IMPROVEMENT IN ANTI-ARMOR MUST RECEIVE IN ALLIANCE FORCE STRUCTURES.  
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